## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUTPCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: MILAGRO DE LA VEGA, aka : Chapter 13

Milagro Y. De La Vega, aka Milagro : Case No. 5:16-bk-02676-RNO

Yasmin De La Vega, aka Milagro

DeLaVega, dba Milagro Cleaning Services:

Debtor, :

CHARLES J. DEHART, III, CHAPTER 13

TRUSTEE for Milagro De La Vega, : Objection to

Objector, : Claim of Exemptions

V.

MILAGRO DE LA VEGA, :

Respondent, :

## **RESPONSE TO OBJECTION TO DEBTOR'S EXEMPTIONS**

AND NOW COMES Debtor MILAGRO DE LA VEGA, by and through her attorneys, NEWMAN, WILLIAMS, MISHKIN, CORVELEYN, WOLFE & FARERI, P.C., with Response to Objection to Debtor's Exemptions, and in support thereof avers:

- 1. Denied.
- a. Debtor's husband, Sergio J. De La Vega, passed in 2011.
- b. Debtor's husband earned approximately \$120,000 annual gross income.
- c. Debtor was unemployed in 2011, and a dependent of her husband at the time of his passing.
- d. Debtor is a high school graduate with limited secondary education, has been employed as a house cleaner since 2012, and reasonably believes she have achieved her greatest potential income.
- e. The proceeds of Debtor's husband's life insurance were held in an account with Met Life, and have not been comingled since the benefits became hers to access and are "property that is traceable to (C) a payment under a life insurance contract that insured the life of an individual of whom the debtor was a dependent on the date of such individual's death." 11 U.S.C. § 522(d)(11)(C).

- f. As of the date of filing, Debtor has a remaining life expectancy of approximately 34 years, or 408 months, based on consultation of online actuarial tables.
- g. Averaged over her expected life, she has \$735.29 per month for her use, excluding interest, which is at one half of one (0.5%) percent.
- h. The life insurance proceeds are insufficient to maintain Debtor at her level of income and welfare prior to her husband passing away.
- i. The life insurance proceeds are reasonably necessary for the support of Debtor to the extent not committed to her Chapter 13 Plan. See Schedules I and J. See 11 U.S.C. § 522(d)(11)(C).
- j. As such, the life insurance proceeds are entirely exempt pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 522(d)(11)(C).

WHEREFORE, Debtor MILAGRO DE LA VEGA prays this Honorable Court for an Order Denying the Trustee's Objection to Debtor's Exemptions, and for such other and further relief as the Honorable Court deems just and appropriate.

NEWMAN, WILLIAMS, MISHKIN, CORVELEYN, WOLFE & FARERI, P.C.

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